

## Alpha Leo and the Heart of Fire Chapter 43

### 43. Everything Is In Place

LEO.

It had shaken me when she had unknowingly let her barrier down. The sheer level of desperation, fear, pain, and agony when I rejected her and then walked away from her hit me hard...

So fucking hard.

I have not felt such an intense level of pain since I was a child, but knowing this was her feelings, made it a thousand fucking times harder.

She had been unable to breathe as she clutched at her neck, trying to survive the violent pain that had torn through her. It fucking killed me to see things from her eyes, making me hate the fact that I

did that to her. Seeing her crumble to the floor, as she watched me walk away was fucking ruthless.

I had broken her and weakened her wolf right after taking everything from her... I had done the very same thing Rayhan had. I promised her something only to rip it away from her the very next.

The heartbreak, the fear, and the sadness as she realised what happened consumed me with guilt. The vulnerability as she realised that she wasn't wanted, wondering what she had done wrong? Nothing, she had fucking done nothing wrong. I had blamed her for something that was not even linked to her, and nothing I did could turn back time.

She was so fucking strong, but inside that tough shell, and behind that 'devil don't care' attitude was a vulnerability that had been hammered on all her life and I... I had fucking hurt

her.

Fuck How do I process that? How do I forgive myself when I refused to believe Rayhan deserved forgiveness?

Everyone says if you make a mistake and acknowledge it, you deserve forgiveness and a second chance... But if I couldn't forgive Rayhan, then I couldn't suddenly just change my tune to make myself feel better. I promised her I'd talk to Rayhan, and I will, but it didn't mean I'd forgive myself for that brutal rejection. 2

There were some things that were just not forgivable, and what I did was one of those +

I had my walls up since then, not knowing how to process it all. Once we had got off the call, I first had her take an Xray to make sure he had no tracer on her, luckily it was all clear. I had then given her a small pair of stud earrings, with a tracker in one, and a camera with a microphone in the other.

Calling Winona to keep an eye on Corrado, I grabbed a jacket with a hood and changed into some black sweatpants before heading down to my cave with Azura. "Here." I held out a bulletproof body suit, something that I had worked on myself. The material felt similar to a diving outfit, more flexible and easier to wear than bullet-proof vests.

She looked at the full black suit and raised an eyebrow.

"What is this?"

"Wear it underneath your clothes, it's bulletproof, I don't want to take any chances." "First you told me to get some baggy clothes, now this?" She asked, taking it and raising an eyebrow.

"Yeah, because the baggier your clothes, the more you can hide." I replied with a pointed look, as I looked down at her, I loved her in that skirt...

She crossed her legs, making my eyes flash, and I looked up only to realise she was trying not to smirk. 1

"You were saying?" She teased. "You already fucking heard me. Go Change."

She smirked, turning and strutting off.

I wanted to see that ass naked and as much as I wanted to bury my cock in her, I knew it was a fucking dream that won't come true. She looked over her shoulder at me almost as if she knew where I was looking, but she was no longer smirking. A glimmer of confusion flashed in her eyes before she entered the room and shut the door. 1

Walking over to the far wall, I accessed a built-in touch screen. After my thumbprint and a spoken password in voice recognition, it opened to reveal a room full of weapons that I had created and improved.

Judah was fucking dead.

I crossed the room and unlocked one of the lockers on the far wall and took out a box of bullets. They were lethal... Although I was still working on perfecting the formula of the poison that I had created, it would still do the job perfectly. These bullets were meant

to kill instantly, and although I had never tried them... I was certain they'd work. The only thing left to perfect was to make sure that the substance did not remain in the body once it had shut down. I was about to grab a few items for Azura when I froze and looked down sharply. 1

Killed instantly...

My heart raced as I mind-linked Dan.

'Dan the body we had found with Azura Westwood, despite the distress it was in, did the post mortem say anything else? You said he seemed to have died instantly, correct?'

Yes.'

'And there was no trace of any poisons?' 'I'm afraid not Alpha.'

'I'm going to send you some files, see if you can trace the three substances listed from his body using the correct methods to bring them out' 1

'Sure thing.' I had gotten him to run some tests on what had been used to kill him. I was not planning on taking any risks not when it came to her, but there had been nothing to help, even the database didn't seem to recognise him. I didn't know how right I was, but if my hunch was anything to go by, then this shit might just be more fucked up than I ever thought.

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I'd ask how and who later... for now I had a bastard to find and kill.

I grabbed a few items before exiting the weapon room, letting the door slide shut and once again blend with the rest of the wall.

I had just sent the files over to Dan when moments later, Azura came out dressed in black pants, a pofo neck top that covered the suit and a leather jacket, her hair in a ponytail. As always, she looked sexy as hell.

"One of my men, Li Sheng will be in a taxi. He'd appear human thanks to a scent disguiser. He will take you to the first location. Do not converse in any way that will feel suspicious. I don't trust this guy or if he has a way to listen in on stuff." I said, quietly stepping closer.

She nodded.

I didn't want to involve her like this or even use her as a decoy, but it was the only way to get closer to him.

"I'm not going to be far behind... Rest assured we will find her... I do think we should tell Alejandro the basics, just so he can keep an eye on his daughters. I will be the one dealing with Judah, but just in case." I said quietly. She looked up at me defiantly, back to her usual self but that intense snippet of her memory still didn't leave me.

"Then you can tell him. Why should I?" She stated.

I frowned.

"You're fucking annoying." I said coldly. "But fine, I'll do that."

"Just..." She frowned, and I raised an eyebrow.

"I won't give away anything else, I'm not fucking stupid."

"Perfect then. I wish I could hear this conversation." She replied airily, with a toss of her hair.

I'm sure you fucking would.

I passed her the few items I had gotten for her, quickly telling her how to use them if she needed to.

"I'll be a behind you, and we have the mind link so don't worry alright?"

"I'm not worrying." She replied, rolling her eyes, You are... you're just hiding it as you always do... "Good then." I replied arrogantly, stepping closer to her. She looked into my eyes defiantly, that frown still on her gorgeous face. I gripped the side of her face and neck, becoming serious. "I will not let anything happen to you and our pup." Her eyes softened, confusion settling in, but I didn't give her a chance to say anything more. Leaning down, I pressed my lips against her forehead. It felt intimate... but the urge to reassure her was real. I moved back slowly looking down at her. "As for those videos... don't worry about them. Now that I have a copy, I'll have them blocked from the net, when the same content goes up it will be flagged, and I will make sure they are pulled down. We got this."

"Thanks." She replied. Our eyes met and when her gaze dipped to my lips, I smoothly stepped back, motioning her to leave. 'She's leaving the pack. Keep tracking, I will be leaving in a few. Operation Lunar on the move.' Ace's voice came.

'Ace.' I warned.

'Hey, I didn't say Luna.' His reply came.

'Operation Selene?' Shane suggested. 'Operation Fated.' Ace added 6

'Quit it. Get moving and focus. Jin is following her and Li Sheng is already waiting for her.'

'Ok, we're on it.' Ace's reply came. 2

I got into one of my cars that I used when I wanted to keep a low profile, and hooked up my phone to my headpiece before driving out. Here goes nothing "Call Alejandro." I said clearly. "Calling Alejandro." The computer's voice came.

I waited, half of me wished he didn't pick up at all.

"Alejandro." He answered. "Yeah, I fucking know, I'm the one who called you." I replied in a cold voice. 1 Silence.

"Leo?" He did his best, but he was unable to hide the shock in his voice.

"No, it's the King of England." I replied sarcastically. 2 Well depends on what aspect, I held far more power than Alejandro knew...

"Fucker." 1

So, he wasn't going to ask why I called, but I didn't like the emotion in his voice. I needed to get this over with

"I called for a reason."

"I would fucking assume so."

"Don't ask me any questions, but I would suggest you have someone watching your daughters at the academy."

"Why?" He asked sharply, but even the coldness in it couldn't disguise his worry. "Just trust me, there's someone who has made Azura and her friends a target. I will make sure Azura is safe, but watch your girls." "So, you called in concern for your sisters?" He asked tauntingly.

Why the fuck did he have to be so fucking antagonising?

"I don't consider them my sisters." I replied coldly. My mind flitted to Katalaya, remembering the shit she had suffered when she was a kid. I had

felt bad for her. No child deserved that !! Just keep an eye on them.” 1 “Understood. Thanks, and before you hang up, I just wana say it’s good to hear your fucking voice.”

I didn’t reply, hanging up as I stared ahead. Alejandro... It was weird how years of hatred and anger building up were beginning to ease up. Almost as if I was looking at things from their point of view... 1 I put my foot down on the accelerator, my mind on Azura, 1 clicked on her camera, seeing her hailing a taxi.

Perfect... That was Li Sheng.

‘I got her.’ Came his voice through the mind link.

‘Great.’

Years ago, when I had told Alejandro how I felt he had gotten me and Rayhan into a room together to talk shit out. They both got my point, but it had felt too late...

I felt like I had been trying to be heard for years, but no one fucking cared... I remember them asking if they could come to the pack and apologise, but I was the one who said to them no. But they still did after I had left, Kiara had healed those who had suffered and Rayhan had apologised to those who were willing to see him anyway. But I always held that hatred within me, always trying to control it as it continued to fester inside of me. My priorities were changing, and I didn’t have control over them...

Because of her. 1

Or was it because of what I did to her?

Azura...

Marcel and many

others said I’d get it when I had a mate... imagine your mate being tortured and abused how Delsanra was. The anger I was feeling towards Judah... but what would I do? Would I find all his friends and allies in blind rage who had a hand?

Yes.

But if it was someone forced to do something just like Azura had been forced to kill someone, would I punish her?

Just like I’m sure Alejandro and the others wouldn’t blame her for being blackmailed into doing something because they knew who she was. But me? I wouldn’t blame Azura. Even when I refused to accept her or want her, I still saw her as a victim. Even putting Azura in the same context as Delsanra, I knew my answer. No, I wouldn’t, it just didn’t feel humanely right... Especially punishing those who had been forced to commit those crimes. No, what he did was wrong.

So fucking wrong.

But I had given

her my word that I'd talk to Rayhan, and I knew I'd have to deal with that shit at some point or another. An hour had passed, and I had kept far back but within linking range when Azura sent another message. "He wants me to meet him at a motel on the outskirts of the city. Motel Slumber, it's off Silver Crescent Lane down by the fuel station. He said to travel on foot."

"Ok, just head there, I'm not that far behind and so are my men." "Got it. Thanks. Stop thanking me." "Hmm well I'm such a sweet, good girl with manners, I can't help but thank you." Her voice was mocking and I smirked slightly, pulling my hood up as I drove slower. "I'd get out soon too. You a good girl? From what angle?" "You haven't seen The Face."

"The Face?"

"My innocent puppy dog look."

"I don't think with a face like that you can ever look innocent..."

It

was far too fucking sexy. Especially since all I can think of are your lips around my cock as you look up at me with eyes full of lust...

"I'll show it to you later."

Later... I couldn't help but smirk.

She was confident we'd deal with this shit, and we definitely would.

"Looking forward to it." I replied. That same silence fell between us, we both wanted to say something, but just like me, I don't think she knew where to start...

I gave a few orders to the others, thinking a motel was a pretty ideal place for the plan that I had in mind...

My phone flashed on, and I clicked on it to see that it was Dan. "Hey, Alpha, was rechecking and comparing the data a little deeper, but I can't make sense of it or what exactly you want me to look for. But I think there is a connection between what you sent me earlier. It's fucking weird but there's something."

I frowned.

"Send me the file over I'll take a look."

“Got it.” I hung up frowning deeply. I knew whatever had been used killed him pretty much instantly, and what irked me was that I

had created something pretty much similar but that was not something I had released into the world and the plan was to keep them for emergencies within the pack. Only to be used as a final solution... I don't know why, but I felt fucking uneasy.

Seeing the incoming email, I glanced at the road for a second before picking up my phone and opening the email.

My eyes scanned the report. My heart thundered as traces of three substances stood out. Their names staring at me glaringly. Making me simply stare at the email. 1. This...

I put the phone down, running my fingers through my hair before I pulled my gun out of my jacket pocket. Was it a coincidence that it was the exact fucking same I used in the poisoned bullets I had been working on? And if so, how was it fucking possible?

I scanned the sheet carefully; it was almost the exact same build-up that I had put together... But I hadn't told – Wait...

I suddenly felt cold, my gut twisting as I realised when I first began working on these bullets, I had mentioned the concept to one other person. A person who was pretty smart too. Someone I had trusted enough... but someone I didn't really know as well as I thought I did.

Fuck

My hands tightened on the steering wheel, my eyes blazing as one name screamed alarm bells in my head.

Emmet. 3

‘He's here.’ Azura's strained voice came.

‘Stay calm, I'm right there with you.’ I replied, pushing the thoughts away. I'd deal with that shit later, but for now, my girl needed me. 6

I parked up and got out of the car, breaking into a jog. There must have been a reason he had chosen this place... But whatever the reason, I wouldn't let him get away... not this time. ‘Is everything in place?’ I asked my men through the link.

‘Oh yeah.’ Jax's growl came. I smirked slightly



'Perfect.'

#### 44. A Showdown

AZURA.

I hadn't even gotten to the entrance to the motel when the phone beeped, and I looked down at it.

Judah.

I felt sick and my heart was thumping before I even clicked on it. I hated being around him. I hated how whenever he was near, something always went wrong. I just wished he was gone from my life for good, or better yet, I wish I had never fucking met him.

I looked down at my phone, frowning at the message.

'I want you to take out any weapons you are carrying, and toss them in that trash bin. Then make your way around the back and up onto the rooftop. Leave the phone there too. Don't play

smart, I'm watching you my Pet.'

'He's here.' I said to Leo through the link, trying to sound as normal as possible.

I hated him with a passion.

I was glad Leo was near... I felt a little at ease.

Stay calm, I'm right there with you.' His voice was powerful, calm, and confident which equates to sexy—as-hell.

But that sick feeling only grew with each step, as I took out the dagger that Leo had given me. He had also given me a few other items which didn't really look like weapons, but would give me some protection, although he was sure I wouldn't need them.

'What is with you and all these gadgets? Are you Batman?' I asked through the link as I tossed the phone and dagger into the trash. 2 'A billionaire with a troubled past and is smart as fuck? Kinda fits, but no, because I'm not a hero.

You're becoming mine... 3

'Well then Leo Rossi, are you a villain?' I asked, almost cursing myself for sounding a tad too flirty.

'Do you need to label me Azura Rayne Westwood?' 1

Maybe?' "Then I'm just someone doing what I need to do. Call it whatever the fuck you want. I don't need to be a hero or a villain, I'm just something in between.' I spotted the rusty metal steps and looked at them. They led all the way up... slowly I began walking up them, trying not to smile at his tone.

A sharp wind blew, and I scanned my surroundings. 1 'Well, I think Batman fits, but then he doesn't have a sexy butt, so maybe you can be Buttman

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or Sexy Butt?' I cackled trying not to laugh out loud. 'Very amusing... Now focus, where are you headed?' 'He wants me to make my way up to the rooftop.'

And you didn't tell me that? Be careful and do not antagonise him.'

Understood.' I replied, keeping my face blank just in case he was watching me.

The stairs creaked and clanged under my feet as I continued slowly upwards. The noise felt too loud in the silence. An occasional car driving past could be heard, or a street cat.

I was extra aware, trying to listen out for anything; even the rustling of the leaves in the trees felt loud.

My mind turned to other things. Was Song with him? Was she safe? 1

SIL

I was near the top when Leo's voice came again. 'I can see you and I have the camera connected. Don't try anything reckless, ok?' 'Ok. I'm not a reckless person.' 'You sure aren't.' Came his sarcastic response. I reached the top, and I realised that just talking to him had helped the unease that now returned with vengeance.

I scanned the area, my heart skipping a beat when I saw the slumped body of Song tied up against the railing, her blond and ash hair catching my eyes. My stomach twisted sickeningly as I saw the bruises and cuts along her entire body.

“Song!” I shouted and was about to run over when a shadow fell over me, I turned just in time to see Judah lunge at me. I ducked, stepping back.

“Stay back” I growled murderously.

‘Keep your distance, try to stall him.’ Leo’s voice came, calm and in control.

“Ah little Pet... How I missed you...” He said, his voice sinister and dark.

He walked slowly as he advanced on me like a predator would, but he forgets that I’m not his prey...

“Shame, I didn’t miss you.” I countered, my eyes flickering to Song. The distance between us was growing as I kept stepping back, making sure I was far from the edge of the building.

“So, that bastard who texted me really thought he could keep you?” He spat venomously. “Your so-called mate?”

“I’m not a fucking pet or animal that anyone can keep me. I do what I fucking want. We were done a year ago, Judah. Just get the hell out of my life!”

“We had a deal. You will obey me, and then I will decide if you can go.” His eyes flashed dangerously.

“I don’t care about the deal anymore. Tudah, I’m done! Want to release those videos! Go for it.” I said icily.

“Don’t push me freak, because I fucking will.” His eyes darkened as he advanced on me, his

face contorted in rage.

How did I ever find him handsome? How did I ever even kiss him? Just the thought made me

sick

“Fuck off.” “Relax.’ Leo’s voice came, calm and in control.

‘Don’t tell me to calm down.’ I growled back. ‘You are only going to anger him... Trust me, think with a level head.’ “I would be very careful if I were you.” Judah growled, and he was in front of me in a flash. I tensed, staying alert, ready to protect my baby if I had to. “Fine, you wanted me, you got me. What do you want with m

e?" I asked coldly, trying to control the anger that I wanted to unleash, and I knew if I wasn't pregnant, I would have.

He was within reach now, and although I felt stronger since both Leo and I had marked one another, I didn't want to risk anything. Especially when I knew what he was capable of. "I want so much... but the question is, have you really removed all your weapons? Strip for me just how you used to." I frowned, my anger flaring through me as his eyes raked over me, making my skin crawl. "Let's see that body of yours again. Watching those videos just isn't enough, you know?" Judah continued.

I suddenly felt such an intense wave of anger which made me gasp and step back.

These... these emotions weren't mine...

'Fucking bastard.' Leo's venomous growl came.

My heart was pounding as Judah took out his gun, cocking it and pointing it at me.

"Strip you bitch, before I fucking blow your brains out." He hissed.

'I'm right here.' Leo's trembling growl of pure rage came.

I removed my jacket slowly, knowing I had the bodysuit on anyway. It was then that I saw the black shadow behind Judah.

Leo.

"And I will fucking blow your brains out if you ever talk to her like that again." He hissed venomously, his steely eyes full of rage, as he held the barrel of his gun against Judah's forehead. 2

Then, everything moved too fast, Judah turned, raising his gun just as Leo kicked Judah's wrist. I heard something snap and the gun went flying. A shot going off. Judah growled in rage, his dark aura swirling around him.

My heart was in my throat as the smell of blood filled the air. I saw Judah lunge at Leo and both men fell to the floor in a scuffle.

Leo was stronger and definitely more agile, but Judah seemed to be fast... too fast... 3

His movements looked strange, almost inhuman, well we weren't human, but the angles his body moved, looked abnormal.

They were a blur as both exchanged powerful hits. I ran toward Song, only for Judah to yank me away as he escaped from Leo. I hissed when

his hand wrapped around my throat in choke hold. I elbowed him, slamming my foot up behind me straight in his crotch.

“Bitch!” He yanked me back, and just when I felt my arm being violently pulled behind me, Leo was in front of us. “I have—”

Judah was cut off, when Leo shot him at point blank range, he dodged, instantly forced to let go of me. Leo pulled me against him, his arm snaking around my waist possessively. My heart pounded as I looked up at him. Even in this dangerous moment, my core clenched as I looked up at him.

His eyes were cold and deadly.

Yup, I love a Badboy. 6

Especially this one. And those piercings that I never knew I had an interest in, were now something I loved. 2

His hand squeezed my waist gently, reassuring me, before he moved me behind him.

“You just signed your death wish.” Leo hissed, glaring at Judah, who had narrowly dodged the bullet.

I came back to reality, looking around before rushing over to Song. “Song!” I whispered as she looked at me through her bruised, puffy eyes. “How dare he...”

“I’m all good.” She said, trying to smile the moment I removed her mouth gag. “I’d help, but he has poisoned me.”

“Seriously girl, stop thinking about helping.” I whispered, beginning to work on the ropes around her legs.

I heard footsteps and turned to see several of Judah’s boys approach. Guns in hand. So me I remembered...

“Not so fast boys.” A deep voice came, and both Song and I turned to see four men. I gripped the ropes and extracted my claws, I slashed through them pulling her to her feet. There were four of them, all dangerously handsome, well built and dressed in black, but they oozed power. One of them broke away as Judah’s men rushed at them, but before I could pay attention to what was happening, I felt a searing pain in my chest.

I doubled over and it took me a moment to realise it wasn’t my own.

“Azura!”

“Leo!” I turned, panic and fear for Leo consuming me.

I turned to see Leo was still standing, whilst Judah was clearly losing. Leo’s aura was incredible, I could see the sheer level of it whipping around him like a violent storm. He really was a Rossi... his power was incredible... It felt like waves of power were rolling off of him.

Things seemed to be moving in slow motion. I saw Leo draw his gun, cocking it and aiming it at Judah, who was scrambling to his feet. Bloody and raging with anger, but it was nothing compared to the anger that I could feel within me from Leo, despite how composed and in control he looked.

Why was I in pain... – “Azura...” Song murmured her arm now supporting me. I couldn’t breathe. What was happening? “I have a million fucking questions, but everyone knows the sooner you kill the bad guy the better. But before I finish you off I have one question ... Where did you get those bullets?” Leo growled, slamming him to the ground, his foot on Judah’s chest.

Judah simply let out a choked laugh.

“Wouldn’t you want to know? I’m not telling you anything.” He spat back, grunting when Leo placed more force on his chest with his foot. “You fucking Alpha!”

“If that’s how you want to play, fine. I’ll get my answers one way or another. See you in hell...” Leo said, his voice void of all emotion.

He pulled the trigger before my very eyes, shooting him square in the forehead. Judah’s gaze snapped to mine as Leo emptied his gun, making sure every last bullet impaled Judah’s chest. His eyes were filled with something, but he didn’t speak, and I was in too much pain too. His body jerked with every shot, and I had to look away. “He’s dead.” One of Leo’s men said calmly to Leo.<sup>1</sup>

“Yeah, Jax I can fucking see that.” Leo growled back, but it was clear the anger he felt was not enough. Was this really it? The end of Judah? I was shocked he didn’t escape. It felt surreal. “Is he really dead?” I asked hoarsely as I exchanged looks with Song. “I’m shocked he didn’t try to escape.” + “I think he is Hun.” She replied giving me a small smile

“He’s dead, I had an electric voltage barrier placed around this motel, if he tried to leave he would have been fucking fried.” Leo replied icily. He had some cuts and bruises but nothing major... Then why was I hurting? <sup>2</sup> “Like a toasted barbeque, shall we bring the body back to the pack?” One of his men said. <sup>2</sup> “Yes.” Leo replied, crouching down to check if he really was dead. “He’s gone.” <sup>3</sup>

I let out a breath I never knew I was holding.

He was gone.

“Come on ladies, let’s get you both somewhere safe.” Jax said, his green eyes calculating as he looked us both over. “Luna?”

I couldn’t answer, the discomfort in my chest growing. “Shit. Did she get hurt?” The one in the taxi, Li Sheng, came hurrying over.

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What was happening?

I pressed a hand to my upper abdomen as I lost my balance. Both men reached for me quickly but it was Leo who caught me. The intense sparks and his scent cocooning me.

This was my safe place. “I... I don’t know what’s happening... it hurts.” I whispered, my vision darkening. “Song.” “We got your bubblegum friend.” Jax’s voice came and I think I heard a huff from Song, but I wasn’t sure..

The warmth of Leo’s body and the sparks that danced along my skin felt relaxing, despite the pain.

He lifted me bridal-style but he was panicking...

Why?

“Fuck. Azura!” I heard him curse as my vision darkened.

What... Why was I... Wait...

‘Leo... Leo... are you hurt?’ I managed to murmur through the link as I clutched his shirt, forcing myself to look up at him through my lashes. ;

A glimmer of guilt filled his eyes before I lost consciousness, and my world turned dark ... 3 AN: Hello everyone. Due to personal problems, I will be delaying the release of His Dark Obsession until next month because right now I am unable to write much and I want to focus the time I do have on Alpha Leo. I know I will not be able to write two books right now. So for now, we will continue with just Alpha Leo! Thank you for everyone’s messages of support and prayers. 26

45. Letting her Misunderstand LEO.

“So that’s him?” Song asked Azura quietly. “Yup.” “Ok Azura, he’s so—”

“Don’t, I bet his big ears are listening in.” Azura muttered. 4

I was outside the hospital room whilst they talked inside quietly, but yeah I could still hear and see them with the door slightly ajar. Azura was sitting next to her friend with her arms around her.

We had gotten back pretty fast, I had Azura with me and I knew instantly why she had felt that pain. In the fight, I had overexerted myself, and she had felt it... Luckily, she had regained consciousness pretty quickly before we even got back to pack grounds.

Since then, she has been watching me intently, almost calculatingly... I had to fucking make sure that didn't happen again, for her sake... 1

But then what about overall?

The bottom line was I'm fucking dying, and that pain would only increase as the days and weeks passed by. 1

The doctor had checked her over and she was fine. As for her friend, she had been tended to and was in good care, although she'd be hospitalised for a few days.

My injections weren't really ideal to use on a human... however I had recommended they give her a very diluted dose to see if it helped. If it didn't help, it didn't, but just trying the small amount held no harm. "So, what are you going to do now?" Jax asked, hands in his pocket as he stood across from me. "Regarding?" I asked, walking away from the hospital room and down the corridor.

"Regarding our Luna and her friend?" 2

"Song Daquin is welcome to stay until she's healed." I replied shortly. "And the Luna?"

"Stop calling her that." I muttered. "Until she joins the pack?" Jax persisted. Why the fuck was he so pushy? He was the only one I would be seen around the pack with. Not everyone knew how close I was to the six, and I preferred it that way. We'd occasionally go for drinks on a night out, but lately, everything has just felt so fucking busy. 'I don't fucking know.' I replied, ignoring the two nurses who were giggling and staring at us. Why were most women so fucking annoying?

'Can I say for once Schurke Wolf doesn't have the answer?' Jax's reply came as we stepped out into the dark. 2 I took out a cigarette and lit it, not replying to him and instead taking a long drag.

Did you place the body where I asked?' I asked the others through the link. 'Yeah, treat it as if he's alive.' Ace's voice came. 'I'm not going to take risks.' I replied frowning deeply, the link open so all seven of us could converse. 1



'What are you worried about?' Jin asked quietly. # , I frowned, my mind wandering back to the drive home, as I stared at the stars in the sky... (FLASHBACK) I slowed down, feeling as if I was missing something as I turned a sharp corner. I didn't feel at ease, and it wasn't Azura. 'Shane, Li Sheng, change of plan, do not bring the body inside of the pack... keep him in the underground cells at location 12.'

Roger.' Shane said instantly. 'Understood...' Li Sheng's reply came.

'Why?' Jin asked.

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I knew she was speaking in anger, but was it wrong that pissing her off was pretty amusing?

“I’d rather be dumb than look like a fish.”

“Excuse me?” Her eyes narrowed dangerously.

“Have you seen the movie Shark Tale? You look like Lola with those lips.”

She paused for a moment before her eyes flashed silver.

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“Perfect.” I replied. My gaze dipped to her lips before I looked away.

Maybe it was for the fucking best... I didn’t want her getting attached... We looked at each other, and I guess there was one fucking thing we had in common... We were both stubborn—as-fuck.

Her chest was heaving as she glared at me icily.

“I’ll speak to Marcel in the morning, and in the coming days I’ll arrange for Alejandro to call that bastard to his pack and I’ll do that shit. Whilst we’re there you can talk to your brother.” 1

“You sure are in a rush to get rid of me.” She said bitterly. 1

No, I just don’t have much time...

Our eyes met and it was fucking suffocating. All I wanted was to pull her close and fix this shit, but we couldn’t always have what we wanted... 4

“You are always welcome to this pack.”

Even when I’m gone...

“Welcome to visit... Thanks” She said sarcastically, her eyes meeting mine. “You are a total dickface.”

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I glared at her.

“You are so fucking violent.” I growled.

“I am going to find a staple gun before I leave.” She muttered before storming off, making me raise my eyebrow. I couldn’t help but smirk as I massaged my stomach. It hurt more than it should have. Fuck I was getting weaker.

‘Nice ass.’ I taunted.

‘Fuck off.’ I might just do that, whilst picturing you in my head. The moment she entered the hospital, I looked up at the sky. I know Jackie always pushed me to see Kiara... Parts of my body had already begun shutting down, and if it wasn’t for the medication and shit, I was using, I would be long dead.

I had left it too late and now when there may be a part of me that wanted to live on, even if it meant putting aside my ego... Deep down I didn’t think Kiara could heal me. She wouldn’t be able to fix this... I know I was past that point... She was only able to heal something that was damaged, not completely gone, just the way she couldn’t regenerate limbs. 3

I took my phone out, staring down at a number I’ve always had but never rang, but I don’t think even he could fix this shit. 12

I just needed to get everything I needed doing, done, before my time came to an end. 1

For everyone.

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## Alpha Leo and the Heart of Fire Chapter 44

## 44. A Showdown

AZURA.

I hadn't even gotten to the entrance to the motel when the phone beeped, and I looked down at it.

Judah.

I felt sick and my heart was thumping before I even clicked on it. I hated being around him. I hated how whenever he was near, something always went wrong. I just wished he was gone from my life for good, or better yet, I wish I had never fucking met him.

I looked down at my phone, frowning at the message.

'I want you to take out any weapons you are carrying, and toss them in that trash bin. Then make your way around the back and up onto the rooftop. Leave the phone there too. Don't play

smart, I'm watching you my Pet.'

'He's here.' I said to Leo through the link, trying to sound as normal as possible.

I hated him with a passion.

I was glad Leo was near... I felt a little at ease.

Stay calm, I'm right there with you.' His voice was powerful, calm, and confident which equates to sexy—as-hell.

But that sick feeling only grew with each step, as I took out the dagger that Leo had given me. He had also given me a few other items which didn't really look like weapons, but would give me some protection, although he was sure I wouldn't need them.

'What is with you and all these gadgets? Are you Batman?' I asked through the link as I tossed the phone and dagger into the trash. 2 'A billionaire with a troubled past and is smart as fuck? Kinda fits, but no, because I'm not a hero.

You're becoming mine... 3

'Well then Leo Rossi, are you a villain?' I asked, almost cursing myself for sounding a tad too flirty.

'Do you need to label me Azura Rayne Westwood?' 1

Maybe?' "Then I'm just someone doing what I need to do. Call it whatever the fuck you want. I don't need to be a hero or a villain, I'm just something in between.' I spotted the rusty metal steps and looked at them. They led all the way up... slowly I began walking up them, trying not to smile at his tone.

A sharp wind blew, and I scanned my surroundings. 1 'Well, I think Batman fits, but then he doesn't have a sexy butt, so maybe you can be Buttman

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or Sexy Butt?' I cackled trying not to laugh out loud. 'Very amusing... Now focus, where are you headed?' 'He wants me to make my way up to the rooftop.'

And you didn't tell me that? Be careful and do not antagonise him.'

Understood.' I replied, keeping my face blank just in case he was watching me.

The stairs creaked and clanged under my feet as I continued slowly upwards. The noise felt too loud in the silence. An occasional car driving past could be heard, or a street cat.

I was extra aware, trying to listen out for anything; even the rustling of the leaves in the trees felt loud.

My mind turned to other things. Was Song with him? Was she safe? 1

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I was near the top when Leo's voice came again. 'I can see you and I have the camera connected. Don't try anything reckless, ok?' 'Ok. I'm not a reckless person.' 'You sure aren't.' Came his sarcastic response. I reached the top, and I realised that just talking to him had helped the unease that now returned with vengeance.

I scanned the area, my heart skipping a beat when I saw the slumped body of Song tied up against the railing, her blond and ash hair catching my eyes. My stomach twisted sickeningly as I saw the bruises and cuts along her entire body.

"Song!" I shouted and was about to run over when a shadow fell over me, I turned just in time to see Judah lunge at me. I ducked, stepping back.

“Stay back” I growled murderously.

‘Keep your distance, try to stall him.’ Leo’s voice came, calm and in control.

“Ah little Pet... How I missed you...” He said, his voice sinister and dark.

He walked slowly as he advanced on me like a predator would, but he forgets that I’m not his prey...

“Shame, I didn’t miss you.” I countered, my eyes flickering to Song. The distance between us was growing as I kept stepping back, making sure I was far from the edge of the building.

“So, that bastard who texted me really thought he could keep you?” He spat venomously. “Your so-called mate?”

“I’m not a fucking pet or animal that anyone can keep me. I do what I fucking want. We were done a year ago, Judah. Just get the hell out of my life!”

“We had a deal. You will obey me, and then I will decide if you can go.” His eyes flashed dangerously.

“I don’t care about the deal anymore. Tudah, I’m done! Want to release those videos! Go for it.” I said icily.

“Don’t push me freak, because I fucking will.” His eyes darkened as he advanced on me, his

face contorted in rage.

How did I ever find him handsome? How did I ever even kiss him? Just the thought made me

sick

“Fuck off.” “Relax.’ Leo’s voice came, calm and in control.

‘Don’t tell me to calm down.’ I growled back. ‘You are only going to anger him... Trust me, think with a level head.’ “I would be very careful if I were you.” Judah growled, and he was in front of me in a flash. I tensed, staying alert, ready to protect my baby if I had to. “Fine, you wanted me, you got me. What do you want with me?” I asked coldly, trying to control the anger that I wanted to unleash, and I knew if I wasn’t pregnant, I would have.



He was within reach now, and although I felt stronger since both Leo and I had marked one another, I didn't want to risk anything. Especially when I knew what he was capable of. "I want so much... but the question is, have you really removed all your weapons? Strip for me just how you used to." I frowned, my anger flaring through me as his eyes raked over me, making my skin crawl. "Let's see that body of yours again. Watching those videos just isn't enough, you know?" Judah continued.

I suddenly felt such an intense wave of anger which made me gasp and step back.

These... these emotions weren't mine...

'Fucking bastard.' Leo's venomous growl came.

My heart was pounding as Judah took out his gun, cocking it and pointing it at me.

"Strip you bitch, before I fucking blow your brains out." He hissed.

'I'm right here.' Leo's trembling growl of pure rage came.

I removed my jacket slowly, knowing I had the bodysuit on anyway. It was then that I saw the black shadow behind Judah.

Leo.

"And I will fucking blow your brains out if you ever talk to her like that again." He hissed venomously, his steely eyes full of rage, as he held the barrel of his gun against Judah's forehead. 2

Then, everything moved too fast, Judah turned, raising his gun just as Leo kicked Judah's wrist. I heard something snap and the gun went flying. A shot going off. Judah growled in rage, his dark aura swirling around him.

My heart was in my throat as the smell of blood filled the air. I saw Judah lunge at Leo and both men fell to the floor in a scuffle.

Leo was stronger and definitely more agile, but Judah seemed to be fast... too fast... 3

His movements looked strange, almost inhuman, well we weren't human, but the angles his body moved, looked abnormal.

They were a blur as both exchanged powerful hits. I ran toward Song, only for Judah to yank me away as he escaped from Leo. I hissed when his hand wrapped around my throat in choke hold. I elbowed him, slamming my foot up behind me straight in his crotch.

“Bitch!” He yanked me back, and just when I felt my arm being violently pulled behind me, Leo was in front of us. “I have—”

Judah was cut off, when Leo shot him at point blank range, he dodged, instantly forced to let go of me. Leo pulled me against him, his arm snaking around my waist possessively. My heart pounded as I looked up at him. Even in this dangerous moment, my core clenched as I looked up at him.

His eyes were cold and deadly.

Yup, I love a Badboy. 6

Especially this one. And those piercings that I never knew I had an interest in, were now something I loved. 2

His hand squeezed my waist gently, reassuring me, before he moved me behind him.

“You just signed your death wish.” Leo hissed, glaring at Judah, who had narrowly dodged the bullet.

I came back to reality, looking around before rushing over to Song. “Song!” I whispered as she looked at me through her bruised, puffy eyes. “How dare he...”

“I’m all good.” She said, trying to smile the moment I removed her mouth gag. “I’d help, but he has poisoned me.”

“Seriously girl, stop thinking about helping.” I whispered, beginning to work on the ropes around her legs.

I heard footsteps and turned to see several of Judah’s boys approach. Guns in hand. So me I remembered...

“Not so fast boys.” A deep voice came, and both Song and I turned to see four men. I gripped the ropes and extracted my claws, I slashed through them pulling her to her feet. There were four of them, all dangerously handsome, well built and dressed in black, but they oozed power. One of them broke away as Judah’s men rushed at them, but before I could pay attention to what was happening, I felt a searing pain in my chest.

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“Azura!”

“Leo!” I turned, panic and fear for Leo consuming me.

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Things seemed to be moving in slow motion. I saw Leo draw his gun, cocking it and aiming it at Judah, who was scrambling to his feet. Bloody and raging with anger, but it was nothing compared to the anger that I could feel within me from Leo, despite how composed and in control he looked.

Why was I in pain... – "Azura..." Song murmured her arm now supporting me. I couldn't breathe. What was happening? "I have a million fucking questions, but everyone knows the sooner you kill the bad guy the better. But before I finish you off I have one question... Where did you get those bullets?" Leo growled, slamming him to the ground, his foot on Judah's chest.

Judah simply let out a choked laugh.

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He was gone.

“Come on ladies, let’s get you both somewhere safe.” Jax said, his green eyes calculating as he looked us both over. “Luna?”

I couldn’t answer, the discomfort in my chest growing. “Shit. Did she get hurt?” The one in the taxi, Li Sheng, came hurrying over.

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What was happening?

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This was my safe place. “I... I don’t know what’s happening... it hurts.” I whispered, my vision darkening. “Song.” “We got your bubblegum friend.” Jax’s voice came and I think I heard a huff from Song, but I wasn’t sure..

The warmth of Leo’s body and the sparks that danced along my skin felt relaxing, despite the pain.

He lifted me bridal-style but he was panicking...

Why?

“Fuck. Azura!” I heard him curse as my vision darkened.

What... Why was I... Wait...

‘Leo... Leo... are you hurt?’ I managed to murmur through the link as I clutched his shirt, forcing myself to look up at him through my lashes. ;

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#### 45. Letting her Misunderstand LEO.

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“Don’t, I bet his big ears are listening in.” Azura muttered. 4

I was outside the hospital room whilst they talked inside quietly, but yeah I could still hear and see them with the door slightly ajar. Azura was sitting next to her friend with her arms around her.

We had gotten back pretty fast, I had Azura with me and I knew instantly why she had felt that pain. In the fight, I had overexerted myself, and she had felt it... Luckily, she had regained consciousness pretty quickly before we even got back to pack grounds.

Since then, she has been watching me intently, almost calculatingly... I had to fucking make sure that didn't happen again, for her sake... 1

But then what about overall?

The bottom line was I'm fucking dying, and that pain would only increase as the days and weeks passed by. 1

The doctor had checked her over and she was fine. As for her friend, she had been tended to and was in good care, although she'd be hospitalised for a few days.

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"Regarding our Luna and her friend?" 2

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Did you place the body where I asked?' I asked the others through the link. 'Yeah, treat it as if he's alive.' Ace's voice came. 'I'm not going to take risks.' I replied frowning deeply, the link open so all seven of us could converse. 1

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“Yeah, everything when it comes to me is a fucking mistake for you, isn’t it?” She hissed coldly. 1 I knew my words had hurt her, and although I didn’t fucking mean it in the way she was taking it. I didn’t have the fucking courage to tell her why it was a mistake. Maybe her hating me would work better for her. 1

I was someone who was always fucking in control, but when it came to her... I was a fucking mess. “Think whatever the fuck you want. Regarding the deal I made with you... how do you want to do it? Let’s get it over and done with soon.”

A flicker of hurt flashed in her eyes as she searched my cold ones.

“Then what?” She asked sharply. “Are you trying to get rid of me?”

“Why, do you want to stay?” I shot back coldly.



Her eyes flashed, and she glared at me.

“No why would I want to stay with a dumb twat like you. Yeah, let’s get the deal over with then.”

I knew she was speaking in anger, but was it wrong that pissing her off was pretty amusing?

“I’d rather be dumb than look like a fish.”

“Excuse me?” Her eyes narrowed dangerously.

“Have you seen the movie Shark Tale? You look like Lola with those lips.”

She paused for a moment before her eyes flashed silver.

“You loved these lips.” She growled, glaring at me. “Wrong.” I replied arrogantly. I love those lips. “Fuck off Leo, I don’t know why you’re being a dick, but carry on. Thanks for dealing with Judah. Once we’ve both fulfilled our halves of the deal... we go our separate ways.” She said, I felt the flash of hurt and anger through the bond before she slammed her walls up completely.

“Perfect.” I replied. My gaze dipped to her lips before I looked away.

Maybe it was for the fucking best... I didn’t want her getting attached... We looked at each other, and I guess there was one fucking thing we had in common... We were both stubborn—as-fuck.

Her chest was heaving as she glared at me icily.

“I’ll speak to Marcel in the morning, and in the coming days I’ll arrange for Alejandro to call that bastard to his pack and I’ll do that shit. Whilst we’re there you can talk to your brother.” 1

“You sure are in a rush to get rid of me.” She said bitterly. 1

No, I just don’t have much time...

Our eyes met and it was fucking suffocating. All I wanted was to pull her close and fix this shit, but we couldn’t always have what we wanted... 4

“You are always welcome to this pack.”

Even when I’m gone...

“Welcome to visit... Thanks” She said sarcastically, her eyes meeting mine. “You are a total dickface.”

She turned and was about to storm off when she stopped. Turning back, she stepped closer, grabbing hold of my jacket. Our eyes met and her heart skipped a beat, the intense pull making me struggle to control myself. Just when I thought she might yank me down and kiss me, she punched me in the stomach. Fucking hard. I clenched my jaw, refusing to give her the satisfaction, she was packing quite the fucking punch.

I glared at her.

“You are so fucking violent.” I growled.

“I am going to find a staple gun before I leave.” She muttered before storming off, making me raise my eyebrow. I couldn’t help but smirk as I massaged my stomach. It hurt more than it should have. Fuck I was getting weaker.

‘Nice ass.’ I taunted.

‘Fuck off.’ I might just do that, whilst picturing you in my head. The moment she entered the hospital, I looked up at the sky. I know Jackie always pushed me to see Kiara... Parts of my body had already begun shutting down, and if it wasn’t for the medication and shit, I was using, I would be long dead.

I had left it too late and now when there may be a part of me that wanted to live on, even if it meant putting aside my ego... Deep down I didn’t think Kiara could heal me. She wouldn’t be able to fix this... I know I was past that point... She was only able to heal something that was damaged, not completely gone, just the way she couldn’t regenerate limbs. 3

I took my phone out, staring down at a number I’ve always had but never rang, but I don’t think even he could fix this shit. 12

I just needed to get everything I needed doing, done, before my time came to an end. 1

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